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Atty. Docket No: 2748 CON

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT(S):** John E. Carlson, et al.

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**EXAMINER:** Michael Thaler

**FILED :** November 27, 2001

**GROUP ART UNIT:**3731

**FOR :** **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING  
VASCULAR ACCESS**

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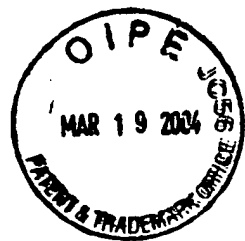
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2004, please  
amend the application as follows:

**REMARKS**

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office  
Action dated March 2, 2004. The Examiner required restriction to one of the  
following:

I. Claims 1-15 and 45-50, drawn to a system for establishing  
vascular access;



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